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FOLLOWING IS GIST OF GOA STATEMENT RE DR. CAIRNS REMARKS:

QUOTE - THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DR. CAIRNS WENT OUT-SIDE OFFICIAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLICY YESTERDAY IN ADVOCATING THE FALL OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT LED BY PRESIDENT THIEU. DR. CAIRNS SAID THE THIEU GOVERNMENT DID NOT HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE AND ITS FALL WOULD BE THE BEST SOLUTION TO THE PRESENT SITUATION. SOURCES SAID DR. CAIRNS' COMMENTS SHOULD BE SEEN NOT AS A STATEMENT OF POLICY BUT IN THE CONTEXT OF HIS LONG-STANDING ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE VIETNAM PEACE MOVEMENT. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT SAID OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT POLICY REMAINED UNCHANGED. ITS THREE ASPECTS WERE:

AUSTRALIA DOES NOT PRESUME TO SUGGEST A SOLUTION TO

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THE EXTREMELY COMPLEX PROBLEMS UNDERLYING THE CONFLICT.

THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVED IT WAS A GRAVE OVER-SIMPLIFICATION TO CLAIM THE PROBLEM WAS SIMPLY ONE OF COMMUNIST AGGRESSION IN INDOCHINA;
THE GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE WHEREVER POSSIBLE; AND
IT SUPPORTED ANY MOVES THAT WOULD BRING A LASTING PEACE TO THE AREA AND BELIEVED THE PARTIES TO THE 1973 PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE SHOULD ABIDE BY THE CONFERENCE AGREEMENTS. UNQUOTE.
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